

## New Alternate Assessments 2007-2008 School Year

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### **Alternate Standards Reminder**

The Alternate Academic Standards approved by the State Board of Education on May 22, 2006, replaced the functional standards. The Alternate Academic Standards are located at [www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects](http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects) or [www.ade.az.gov/standards](http://www.ade.az.gov/standards) then select **AIMS-A**.

IEP teams should identify standards-based goals and objectives for students eligible to participate in alternate assessments using the Alternate Academic Standards at the student's enrolled grade level. **The new Eligibility Determination Form is used by IEP teams to determine eligibility for participation in alternate assessments.**



**Alternate Assessments** (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards-Alternate, AIMS-A and Alternate State Achievement Test, ASAT))

The new AIMS-A and ASAT tests will measure student progress on enrolled grade level Alternate Academic Standards.

**AIMS-A** will have three tests (a Grade 3-5 AIMS-A/DPA test, a Grade 6-8 AIMS-A/DPA test, and a High School AIMS-A Test) each of which will include both performance and multiple choice items. Level I and Level II tests no longer exist. Data from the Parent Interview, Form 4, and the Activity-Based Performance Assessments, Forms 5 A-D and 3 A-D will no longer be collected. Teachers are encouraged to use the Activity-Based Performance tasks for instructional purposes as there will be similar content assessed on the AIMS-A.

**ASAT** will be administered in Grade 2 and 9 and includes performance items which will also be incorporated into the Grade 3-5 and Grade 6-8 AIMS-A/DPA consistent with previous assessment practices.

All performance items, which are similar to performance items rated by teachers in previous assessment years, will be scored using a new alternate assessment scoring rubric located at [www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects](http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects) or [www.ade.az.gov/standards](http://www.ade.az.gov/standards) then select **AIMS-A**.